

# Protected Health Information (PHI)

Not all medical and health information is covered under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and labeled PHI. Medical and health information has to meet specific requirements to be considered PHI.



## Location

- Information has to be held or originate from a covered entity or its business associate. Not all healthcare clinics, healthplans, or clearinghouses are HIPAA covered entities. It is best practice to ask the entity you work with if they are a HIPAA covered entity.



## Type of Information

- It is individually identifiable health information pertaining to the past, present, or future physical or mental health care, that is used in the provision of, or payment for, that care.



## Identifiable

- The information has to be identifiable or contain a reasonable basis to believe it is identifiable. Please see the infographic entitled *De-identified Data Under HIPAA* for more information on the definition of an identifier under HIPAA law.



## Not PHI

- Health information that is de-identified or part of a limited data set.
- Health information held by non-covered entities.
- Health information collected directly from research subjects.
- Health information from current students held by a University Health Clinic.

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